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Dear Eileen S. Stomes,
[Docket #: TMD-94-00-2]

I Want to express my concern about four practices potentially allowed under the new proposed standards for the National Organic Program. I strongly feel that these practices should be prohibited when growing or processing food that will be labeled organic. These practices are:

The use of genetically engineered organisms (bio-engineered foods)

Genetically engineered organisms (also known as bio-engineered foods) should be prohibited when growing or processing foods that will be labeled organic. Genetically engineered organisms can not be created in nature, and there is not yet enough scientific information available to judge the long term impacts that genetically engineered organisms would have on the environment.

The use of ionizing radiation (irradiation)

The use of ionizing radiation (also known as irradiation) should be prohibited when growing or processing foods that will be labeled organic. The long term impacts of irradiation have not yet been fully studied and there are effective alternatives to irradiation that are compatible with a system of organic farming and handling.

The use of municipal sludge (raw manure) as fertilizer

Municipal sludge should be prohibited in organic production because the long term impact on the environment and human health is unknown at this time.

The use of antibiotics, other drugs and non organic feed in livestock production

Antibiotics, other drugs and non organic feed should be prohibited in organic production of livestock.

This issue is critical in determining the future of our environment and the safety of our food supply.
Thank you for your consideration.
